Apalachicola, Sept 24. 60

My dear Doctor:

I ought to have written you long ago, but I have been so fully occupied by matters connected with my profession, of late, that no room has been left for Botany nor with anything ~~belonging~~ to it. I received your catalogue in Silli. Journ. and read it with much satisfaction. I thank you kindly for your favorable opinion and believe it to be sincere. You slap me a little upon the Analysis, but you will not find it so faulty as you suppose. It will of course have to be corrected, but my own opinion is that it is the best part of the whole concern.

Lindley comes out flat-footed
don't he. "Among the foremost ranks"
Make way, my dear sir, for your
equal.— In sober earnest these favor-
able notices afford me great satis-
faction; the more so, because my
own opinion of the work was by no
means very exalted. Under all
the circumstances I performed my
task to the best of my ability, and
there I let it rest.

I have in my Herb. from Illinois,
collected by Holton & sent by Mead,
a little fern, probably a Chilanthes,
which does not appear in your
Manual. Make a note of it, and if
you have no specimen, let me know.

I am very busy and have no
time for further words but
remain
Your Own
A. W. Chapman

P.S. I shall send you & Eaton
each a small package of plants
when the shipping northward com-
mences— How do the live roots
succeed? Did they live? Did
you see that Eriocaulon (in the
box) with leaves an inch wide?
If at any time you want any
scrap for examination found with-
in my region command me
freely
A W C